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Developments and conditions China reurad 87839 not considered truly indicative Soviet intentions since main initial effort would be in Europe and logical here for Soviets continue chaotic conditions with minimum own overt action. Following submitted with above in mind:

Political: Relations with China remain overly correct, even in Dairen this fiction maintained. In spite occasional blasts (Feitashan incident and protest firing on CAT plane near Dairen) Chinese play safe (they don't bomb Harbin or other areas Soviet interest and don't allow US planes Sinkiang on flimsy basis aviation agreement). In summary Soviets satisfied Chinese Communists fulfilling their long range goals and avoid direct conflict nationalist China.

Economic: Soviets probably getting food raw materials north Manchuria plus some other small trade Dairen with Chinese Communists. Little trade with nationalists though some purchases like Wolfram through Hongkong. Nationalists fulfilling barter agreement repay war aid by shipment strategic materials. No economic indications Soviet violent action. Their natural desires Manchuria and north China are long range affairs.

Sociological: White Russian colonies China now minor importance, majority Soviet [illegible] economic condition but not important enough for major issue, however Soviet Consul Gen Peiping told them wait and conditions will improve. Border minorities Sinkiang, Mongolia,

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Manchuria under Soviet influence but not very active. New Peitashan incident July simply small scale Chinese-outer Mongol affair in area too remote to be immediately critical. Sociological indications all contrary immediate hostilities.

Transportation: Soviet contact nationalist China limited by air Alma Ata-Tihua-Hami and by sea occasional ships particularly Shanghai. No change from normal noted. Naturally Soviets want communication Harbin to Dairen but appear satisfied to wait.

Subversive: Subversion largely in Chinese Communist hands, so known increase or change Soviet participation. Soviets penetrating Taiwan apparently determine effectiveness US mil training and economic aid.

Diplomatic: Attitude Soviet diplomats since return Roschin extremely cordial and friendly (for Soviets). They look down on Chinese "coolies" but believe Roschin makes this less obvious. Soviet MILAT burning papers 8 Aug not duplicated elsewhere so probably routine destruction. Soviet colony Peiping reported preparing for emergency but other foreigners make similar plans. Evacuation trade personnel Lanchou probably due lack business, same reason reduction personnel Sinkiang stations. No particularly unusual movement Soviet diplomats and families known. Although rumors extensive buying Shanghai dependents purportedly presages return in fall.

Military: Only possible point immediate observation is Dairen from which no startling reports. Hard to confirm reports like 400 bombers 4-engine flew over Harbin headed Vladivostok 1 May and Soviet officers will complete training of 60,000 Koreans near Antung by 1 Sept both rated B-3 but just received. Spite numerous reports Soviet helping Chinese Communists militarily, no real proof obtained and Commie

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prisoners usually deny knowledge thereof. Estimate Roschins attitude only too glad stay out of "coolie war" long as Commie coolies winning.

Summary: Indications in China largely contrary reference early Soviet hostilities. However these could well remain contrary while Kremlin makes decision except for Dairen and points north and east where mil activity should show.

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